

the Vermont state hospital for the insane, when ordered committed by a justice, municipal, city or county court or when an inebriate or dipsomaniac or person who has lost the power of self-control is ordered committed by the probate court, shall be made by the sheriff of the county in which such court is located.

Sec. 2. The sheriff of each county shall on the first day of each month, upon blank forms furnished him for that purpose, report to the governor the number, description, term, employment and condition of all jail prisoners in his custody.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved April 4, 1919.

#### NO. 94

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7401 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF ASSISTANT JUDGES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 3015 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, CHANGING THE MONTH IN WHICH TO PREPARE NAMES OF PERSONS TO SERVE AS GRAND AND PETIT JURORS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 7401 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 7401. Each assistant judge of the county court shall receive three dollars a day for time spent in performance of his official duties, and his necessary expenses when away from home on official business, and he may receive for signing a writ of *habeas corpus* and taking the necessary bail, forty cents from the party requesting his signature.

Sec. 2. Sec. 3015 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3015. The assistant judges of the county court and the clerk of such court shall constitute a board of jury commissioners, and their respective counties. Said board shall annually, in the month of February, prepare and file in the office of the county clerk a list of names for each town in said county of persons qualified to serve as grand and petit jurors in county court. The petit jury list shall contain the names of not less than five nor more than ten per cent of the legal voters in each town, and the grand jury list shall contain the names of not less than one per cent of the legal voters in each town; provided, however, that not more than fifty names shall at any time be included in the annual grand or petit jury list for any town. Grand or petit jurors, for service in the county court, shall be drawn from such lists.

Approved February 21, 1919.

#### NO. 95

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3016 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS IN TOWN MEETINGS, PROVIDING THAT WOMEN VOTERS SHALL TAKE THE FREEMAN'S OATH AND PAY A POLL TAX, AND ALSO TO AMEND SECTION 677 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE LISTING OF POLLS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 3016 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3016. A male or female citizen, twenty-one years of age, who has taken the freeman's oath and whose list, including poll, is taken in a town at the annual assessment preceding a town meeting, and who is not taxed in such town, shall be entitled to vote in such town meeting; and a female citizen, if a resident of an incorporated village, within such town, shall not vote in town meeting for town road commissioner unless at least fifteen per cent of the last highway tax of such incorporated village has been paid to the town treasurer, to be expended upon the highways of the town outside of such incorporated village.

Sec. 2. Section 677 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 677. Except as provided in section six hundred and eighty-three, listers shall set the polls of all male inhabitants of the state, and such females as file a written request with the listers before the date of expiration for filing tax inventories with the listers, citizens and aliens, over twenty-one and under twenty-five years of age, who are residents of the town wherein such male and female inhabitants reside on the first day of April in each year, at two dollars each.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 1919.

Approved March 11, 1919.

#### NO. 96

**AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING IN TOWN MEETING BY PERSONS IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. A person, otherwise properly qualified, who was in the military service of the United States in the war with Germany, and who has been honorably discharged, may vote at the annual town meeting in the town of his residence in the year 1919 even though his list, including poll, was not taken at the annual assessment preceding such meeting.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved February 26, 1919.

#### NO. 97

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3025 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS; PROVIDING THAT ELECTIONS BY BALLOT SHALL BE BY MAJORITY VOTE.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 3025 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3025. At the annual meeting, a town shall choose from among the inhabitants thereof the following town officers, who shall serve until the next annual meeting, or until their terms are expired, unless otherwise provided by law or herein specified:

A moderator;

A town clerk;

One lister for a term of three years who shall be elected by ballot;

One selectman for a term of three years who shall be elected by ballot;

One or two road commissioners who shall be elected by ballot, unless appointed by the selectmen as hereinafter provided;

An overseer of the poor, unless the town votes to have the selectmen act as overseers of the poor;

A collector of taxes, if the town so orders;

One or more trustees of public money;

One or more grand jurors;

A first constable, and if necessary, a second constable;

An agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town or town school district is interested; provided, however, a town school district may, if appropriate articles are contained in the warrant, vote to elect an agent to prosecute and defend suits in which such district is interested;

And may elect a tree warden.

When election is by ballot a majority of all votes cast for any such office shall be required for an election thereof, unless otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, or in section two hundred and two.

Each town shall have three selectmen and three listers. At each annual meeting one selectman and one lister shall be elected and the term of office of each shall be three years, but in towns so voting, one or two additional listers or one or two additional selectmen may be elected for a term of one year each. A town shall, at each annual meeting, vote whether or not the selectmen shall be empowered and authorized to appoint one or two road commissioners, according to the instructions of the town, and a citizen, if a resident of an incorporated village within such town, shall not vote in town meeting on the question whether the road commissioners shall be appointed by the selectmen, unless at least fifteen per cent of the last highway tax of such incorporated village has been paid to the town treasurer to be expended upon the highways of the town outside of such incorporated village.

Said road commissioners so appointed shall serve until the next annual meeting, and until their successors are elected. A road commissioner may, after hearing, be removed from office by the selectmen for cause.

Approved April 4, 1919.

#### NO. 98

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1087, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, AND SECTIONS 3024, 3027 AND 4010 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO TOWN ACCOUNTS AND THE DUTIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS RELATING THERE TO.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 1087 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1087. In town districts the school directors shall be voted for upon a separate ballot deposited in a separate ballot box.

Sec. 2. Section 3024 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3024. The chairman of the board of selectmen shall keep a record of all orders drawn by said board, and all other persons authorized to draw orders on the town treasurer shall keep a record of orders drawn by them, showing the number, date, to whom payable, for what purpose and the amount of money so drawn.

Sec. 3. Section 3027 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3027. Said treasurer shall pay orders of selectmen and persons authorized by law to draw such orders; and if he does not pay any such order drawn by the selectmen or overseer of the poor on demand, the holder thereof may recover the amount from the town, with interest from the time of such demand.

Sec. 4. Section 4010 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4010. Town auditors shall, at least twenty days before each annual town meeting, examine and adjust the accounts of town officers, and all persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer, including the account which the treasurer is required to keep with the collector and said treasurer's accounts as town school district treasurer, and shall report such accounts with a list of all orders drawn upon the town treasurer, together with a list of orders theretofore drawn and not paid, designating which are drawing interest, the date, number, to whom payable and amount of each such order, and the state of the town and town school district treasury, to and including the thirty-first day of January next preceding, and the amount of any special funds in the hands of the town treasurer, to the voters at least ten days before such annual town meeting.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved April 3, 1919.

#### NO. 99

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4009 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO SETTLEMENTS BY TAX COLLECTORS, CHANGING THE DATE FOR MAKING SUCH SETTLEMENTS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4009 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4009. Said collector shall annually, on or before the first day of February, pay over all moneys collected by him to the treasurer to which they belong, and if he refuses or neglects to do so, he shall be ineligible to reelection for the ensuing year.

Approved February 6, 1919.

#### NO. 100

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4019 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES OF PERSONS IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE WAR WITH GERMANY.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4019 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4019. Said board may abate the taxes of persons who have died insolvent removed from the state, or are unable to pay their taxes, and may abate in whole or in part taxes in which there is manifest error or taxes in which there is a mistake of the listers, but the sum so abated shall not exceed a twentieth part of any tax bill. Taxes assessed against persons in the military or naval service of the United States in the war

with Germany may be abated by said board. The abatement of such taxes heretofore made is hereby declared legal and valid. Persons who were in the military or naval service of the United States, whose taxes have been abated or shall be abated for the years nineteen hundred and seventeen, nineteen hundred and eighteen or nineteen hundred and nineteen, if otherwise qualified, shall be legal voters in the annual town meeting.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved February 27, 1919.

#### NO. 101

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4021 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO SOLDIERS' MONUMENTS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4021 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4021. A town may instruct the selectmen to erect a building, monument or monument to the memory of citizens of such town who were in the military or naval service during any wars in which the United States has been engaged and such monument or monument may be erected by the town, or by the state, or by federal authorities, who entered the service of the United States during such wars and died while in such service or were honorably discharged.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved April 3, 1919.

#### NO. 102

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4023 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF SOLDIERS' RECORDS IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION AND SUBSEQUENT WARS AND MILITARY ENTERPRISES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4023 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4023. Such record shall contain the name of every soldier and sailor furnished with such record during the War of the Rebellion and all subsequent wars and military enterprises of the United States, with the following statistics, so far as applicable to each case: age at the time of enlistment; date of enlistment; date of discharge; date of discharge and cause thereof; date of pension and amount; date of death and cause; date, place and nature of wounds; bounty received from the town and bounty received from individuals.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved February 11, 1919.

#### NO. 103

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 4034 AND 4035 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS BY TOWNS FOR FREE HOSPITAL BEDS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4034 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4034. A town may, at any legal meeting of the voters thereof, when an article for such purpose has been duly inserted in the warrant for such meeting, appropriate such sums of money as it may deem necessary for the support of an infirmary hospital which is incorporated.

Sec. 2. Section 4035 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4035. A town, at a meeting duly warned for that purpose, may appropriate such sums of money, not exceeding seven hundred dollars, for a free hospital bed or beds for a period of not less than one year and may appropriate such sum of money, not exceeding five thousand dollars, for the permanent endowment of a free hospital bed or beds, as such sums of money may be used for the use of the inhabitants of such town or city as are entitled to receive assistance by reason of their indigent circumstances.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July first, nineteen hundred and nineteen.

Approved April 9, 1919.

#### NO. 104

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 4081 AND 4082 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF MUNICIPAL BONDS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4081 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4081. All bonds issued under this chapter shall be of a denomination of not less than one hundred dollars, and shall draw interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; such bonds shall be payable serially, the first payment to be deferred not later than one to five years after the issuance of the bonds, and subsequent payments to be continued annually in substantially equal amounts so that the entire debt will be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue.

Sec. 2. Section 4082 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4082. The bonds issued under this chapter shall be sold to the highest bidder after being advertised once a week for three consecutive weeks on the same day of the week in a newspaper published in such municipal corporation, or if a newspaper is not published in such municipal corporation, then publication shall be made in some newspaper having general circulation in such municipal corporation; the last publication to be not more than ten days, nor less than three days, before the date of sale of the bonds. If the issue of bonds is to exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, one publication of such notice shall also be made in some newspaper published in this state having general circulation in the state, and such notice shall be published in Boston, Massachusetts, or New York, New York; such publication to be made not more than fifteen days nor less than five days before the date of the sale of the bonds. The advertisement shall state the amount and denomination of the bonds, date of maturity, rate of interest, and the time and place where the bonds are to be sold. The legislative branch of any municipal corporation may reject any and all bids and in case all bids are so rejected they may advertise and call for new bids in the manner hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved March 7, 1919.

#### NO. 105

**AN ACT TO PERMIT A TOWN, CITY OR INCORPORATED VILLAGE TO ESTABLISH AND**

**MAINTAIN A WOOD, COAL AND FUEL YARD.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. A town, city or incorporated village may establish and maintain a wood, coal and fuel yard for the purpose of selling, at cost, fuel to its inhabitants, and may establish and maintain an ice plant for the purpose of manufacturing, cutting and storing ice to sell to its inhabitants at cost.

Sec. 2. Such town, city or incorporated village may acquire and hold for the purposes aforesaid, real and personal estate to the extent reasonably necessary to operate, equip and maintain the business covered by the preceding section.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved March 26, 1919.

#### NO. 106

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE A CERTAIN SUM FOR COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE COUNTY FARM BUREAU ASSOCIATIONS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. The sum of twenty-five thousand two hundred dollars for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twenty, and the sum of twenty-five thousand two hundred dollars for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, are hereby appropriated for the cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics, qualifying under the provisions of section four thousand two hundred and seven of the General Laws, to be used in cooperation with the agricultural extension service of the University of Vermont and the federal department of agriculture, in supporting the county agent work and boys' and girls' club work.

Sec. 2. The auditor of accounts is hereby directed to draw orders in favor of the Vermont agricultural extension service, for the cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics, and said auditor shall annually cause to be audited the accounts of the Vermont agricultural extension service expended under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. On the last day of September, December, March and June, in the fiscal years nineteen hundred and twenty and nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the treasurer of a county farm bureau association and the director of said agricultural extension service may certify to the treasurer of said agricultural extension service the sum of not exceeding three months, a county agricultural agent, or a county home demonstration agent, or a county boys' and girls' club leader, has been employed by the county farm bureau association in cooperation with the agricultural extension service, and the treasurer of the agricultural extension service shall pay to the treasurer of said farm bureau association the sum of fifty dollars for each month's service of said agent or leader.

Sec. 4. A report of the receipts and expenditures under this act shall be included in the biennial report of the trustees of the University of Vermont and state agricultural college.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect July first, nineteen hundred and nineteen.

Approved April 9, 1919.

#### NO. 110

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 4372 AND 4373 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4372 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4372. When the trustees at any regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose shall determine by a majority vote of all its members that it is necessary to issue bonds in order to meet the cost incident to the establishment of a hospital under the provisions of this chapter, they shall by resolution determine the amount of bonds to be issued, the rate of interest to be paid, the denomination of said bonds, the time and place of payment and the form of bond to be used. The trustees shall within ten days from the passage of the resolution certify to the county clerk the result of their meeting.

Sec. 2. The county clerk shall, on the day of the meeting, where held, the number of trustees present, the result of their vote and a copy of the resolution passed by the trustees, and such certificate shall be duly recorded in the county clerk's office.

Sec. 3. The county clerk shall issue his negotiable bonds for an amount not to exceed seventy thousand dollars. The bonds shall be of a denomination of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars and shall draw interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be secured by the county clerk and countersigned by the assistant judges. The form of bonds shall be substantially the same as is provided for municipal bonds, with such changes therein as will make them conform to the use of a county. Such bonds shall be payable serially, the first payment to be deferred not later than one year after their date, at the rate of not less than two thousand dollars per year. Such bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest. The bonds issued under this chapter shall be sold by the treasurer of the county to the highest bidder after being advertised by the county clerk in the same manner as is provided for the advertisement and sale of municipal bonds. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be paid by the treasurer of the county on orders signed by all of the trustees.

Sec. 4. Section 4373 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4373. The assistant judges shall at the time of ascertaining the expenses of the county for the ensuing year determine the amount of principal and interest to become due within the year on the bonded indebtedness of the county in consequence of the issue of bonds under this chapter and shall make and deliver a written order to the county treasurer directing him to issue, on or before the first day of the following March, warrants to the collector of the county for several cities and towns and to the supervisors of the unincorporated towns and gores in the county for the collection of a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest as it matures. Taxes assessed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be subject to the limitation prescribed by section three thousand eight hundred and thirty-one of the General Laws.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved April 9, 1919.

#### NO. 107

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4246 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF A POOR AND INDIGENT PERSON TO THE TOWN FROM WHICH HE LAST CAME.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4246 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4246. A person who brings a poor and indigent person from any town in the state to another town in the state, or aids therein, with intent to charge such town with the support of such person, shall be liable to double the forfeiture and damages herein provided, to be recovered as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. A person who brings a poor and indigent person to a town from which he has last come, and who causes such poor and indigent person to be again brought to the town from which he has last come, shall be liable to double the forfeiture and damages herein provided, to be recovered as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved March 14, 1919.

#### NO. 108

**AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO SECTION 4282 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE SUPPORT OF STATE PATIENTS AT THE BRATTLEBORO RETREAT.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4282 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4282. Upon receipt and examination of such a statement, the auditor of accounts shall draw an order, payable from the moneys annually available for the purposes of this section, in payment of such rate per week as the state shall fix by the board of control for the number of weeks each patient is wholly supported therein at the expense of the state, and if a patient has

property or income out of which a contribution is made towards such support, shall allow therefor such sum less than the amount per week so fixed by said board as is necessary.

Sec. 2. From and after the first day of July, 1918, payment shall be made at the rate provided in the preceding section for the care of each patient for whom the state is liable under the provisions of section 4281 of the General Laws.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved April 4, 1919.

#### NO. 109

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4301 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF SUPERVISORS OF THE INSANE.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4301 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4301. Said board shall visit the Vermont state hospital for the insane and the Brattleboro Retreat as often as occasion requires, and one of said board as often as once each month, and in its discretion, may visit any other hospital or place in this state where insane persons are confined. Said board shall examine the condition of such hospitals and other places, the management and treatment of the patients therein, their physical and mental condition, and medical treatment, shall hear the grievances of patients apart from the officers and keepers, and investigate such cases as, in its judgment, require special investigation, and particularly shall ascertain whether persons are confined in such hospitals or other places who ought to be discharged.

Sec. 2. If said board shall find an inmate person in the state hospital at Brattleboro, who is there supported by the state, who requires a surgical operation for his comfort, or if a surgical operation would promote the possibility of his discharge from such institution, said board, with the consent of such person and some member of his family, may make the necessary arrangements with some surgeon and hospital for such operation, the expense of which shall be paid by the state out of the general fund of the state, but the expense for such surgical treatment and care in all such cases shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars in any biennial term.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved March 31, 1919.

#### NO. 112

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4549 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF STATE AID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4549 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to